

REMARKS

The present Amendment responds to the Office Action dated February 12, 2004. Concurrently filed is a two month extension of time for response. Claims 1 - 16 are pending in the application.

The claims were subject to restriction:

- I. Claims 1 - 10, drawn to an apparatus for making a spiral wound gasket
- II. Claims 11 - 14, drawn to a method for making a spiral wound gasket
- III. Claims 12 - 16 drawn to a spiral wound gasket

Election

The applicant cancels claims 1 - 14, as directed to non-elected inventions, without prejudice to filing same in divisional applications. New claims 17 - 20 are presented for examination with the elected group.

In conformance therewith, the present Amendment further amends the title of the application. The Summary of the Invention set forth on page 7 is amended. The Abstract on page 30 is amended.

Respectfully submitted,



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